GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Report of Sanskrit Commission
Danve Shri Raosaheb Patil

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second Sanskrit Commission has submitted its report to the Government;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the major recommendations made by the Committee and the response of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the Government has constituted a fresh commission to suggest ways to promote Sanskrit in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The Second Sanskrit Commission was set up on 10th January 2014. The Commission was asked to submit its recommendations within one year but it could not submit its report within that period and the Commission's term expired on 9.1.2015.
(c) to (e) The Ministry of Human Resource Development had constituted a Committee to suggest a long term vision and road map for the development of Sanskrit under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Gopalaswami, Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati on 18.11.2015. The Committee has submitted its report to this Ministry which may be seen on this Ministry's website at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Report-CVRM.pdf.
The Government of India is taking all steps for nurturing, protection, propagation, preservation and development of Sanskrit language, literature and rare Shastras, by funding three Sanskrit Deemed Universities viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and an autonomous body viz. Maharshhi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. RSKS sponsores schemes which include financial assistance to Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/ Shodh Sansthans, Shastra Chudamani Scheme, Financial Assistance to Sanskrit teachers, Financial Assistance to NGOs for promotion of Sanskrit, assistance to Sanskrit Scholars in indigent circumstances, award of scholarships to students of Sanskrit, publication of books in Sanskrit etc.
There is a scheme for the Presidential Award of the Certificates of Honours to honour the eminent scholars of Sanskrit of over 60 year of age. An International Award for Non Resident Indian or a foreigner is also being conferred under this scheme. This scheme envisages a onetime monetary grant of Rs.5.00 lakh to the Scholars. The Scheme also provides for Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars in the age group of 30 to 45 years in the field of Sanskrit. This award carries an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh as one-time payment to each Awardee.

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